

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 39 to 42 and 44 to 47 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals via a first transmission path, and which is connected to a plurality of display terminals via a second transmission path, the server comprising:

a first reception unit configured to receive a video request from a first one of the plurality of control terminals via the first transmission path, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data to be displayed on a display terminal, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying the first control terminal that transmitted the video request;

a generating unit configured to generate first confirmation data comprising position information indicating a position of the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data of the video request and time information indicating a reception time of based on the received video request, and to append appending a destination address corresponding to the designated display terminal to the first confirmation data;

a confirmation data transmission unit configured to transmit, via the second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display

terminal, the first confirmation data generated by said generating unit to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, and to cause the display terminal to display the position information and the time information of the first confirmation data;

a confirmation data reception unit configured to receive second confirmation data comprising position information and time information from the first control terminal which transmitted the video request received by the first reception unit, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the position information and the time information of the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and to receive second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data;

a comparison unit configured to compare the first identification data received by the first reception unit with the second identification data received by said confirmation data reception unit, and to compare the position information and the time information of the first confirmation data transmitted by said confirmation data transmission unit with the position information and the time information of the second confirmation data received by said confirmation data reception unit to confirm that the user has designated the correct display terminal; and

a video data transmission unit configured to transmit, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons by said comparison unit result in a match,

wherein if either comparison by the comparison unit does not result in a match, the video data designated by the video designation data is not transmitted to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data.

39. to 42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) An information transmission method for a video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals via a first transmission path, and which is connected to a plurality of display terminals via a second transmission path, the method comprising the steps of:

a first reception step of receiving a video request from a first one of the plurality of control terminals via the first transmission path, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data to be displayed on a display terminal, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying the first control terminal that transmitted the video request;

a generation step of generating first confirmation data comprising position information indicating a position of the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data of the video request and time information indicating a reception time of based on the received video request, and appending a destination address corresponding to the designated display terminal to the first confirmation data;

a confirmation data transmission step of transmitting, via the second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display

terminal, the first confirmation data generated by said generation step to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, and causing the display terminal to display the position information and the time information of the first confirmation data;

a confirmation data reception step of receiving second confirmation data comprising position information and time information from the first control terminal which transmitted the video request received by the first reception step, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the position information and the time information of the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and receiving second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data;

comparing the first identification data received by the first reception step with the second identification data received by said confirmation data reception step, and comparing the position information and the time information of the first confirmation data transmitted to the display terminal by the confirmation data transmitting step with the position information and the time information of the second confirmation data received from the control terminal by the confirmation data reception step to confirm that the user has designated the correct display terminal; and

a video data transmission step of transmitting, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons in said comparing step result in a match,

wherein if either comparison by the comparison step does not result in a match, the video data designated by the video designation data is not transmitted to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data.

44. to 47. (Canceled)